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**Re: Review and Revision of Local Bankruptcy Rules**

Counsel:

I am pleased to announce that a committee has been organized to review and revise the local rules. For your information, the last revisions were made in 2007.

The committee is divided into a consumer and a business subcommittee so as to ensure proper attention is given to both types of bankruptcy practice. Members were selected to maximize as best as possible both perspectives (i.e., debtor, creditor, trustee, UST) and geography (Upper Peninsula, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Traverse City, and Kalamazoo). The members of each subcommittee are:

Consumer

David Bulson  
Kelly Hagan  
Jim Batchelor  
Matt Cronin  
Paul Davidoff  
Barb Foley  
Martin Rogalski  
Wm. Paul Slough  
Kathleen Dunne

Business

Benjamin White  
Dan Gosch  
Steve Grow  
Sandy Hamilton  
Ron Schuknecht  
Michael Maggio  
Andy Gerdes

Both of the subcommittees intend to get started as soon as possible. With this in mind, we are interested in receiving as soon as possible whatever input you may have regarding problems with respect to any of the current rules and/or suggested improvements to the same. Please direct your comments or suggestions to Dan LaVille either by email ([Dan\\_LaVille@miwb.uscourts.gov](mailto:Dan_LaVille@miwb.uscourts.gov)) or by regular mail:

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Dan and I will review whatever you send and then forward it to the chair of the appropriate subcommittee.

If, of course, you have a question or concern that is better directed to me, please send it to my attention at the same mailing address as above.

Thank you in advance for your contribution.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey R. Hughes  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

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